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In re the Application of

Kiyotaka OHARA

Group Art Unit: 2176

Application No.: 10/643,220

Examiner: J. DEBROW

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APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Further to the February 9, 2006 personal interview, Applicant provides a separate record of the personal interview. Applicant also appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiners Debrow and Bashore to Applicant's representative during the personal interview.

During the personal interview, Applicant's representative traversed the rejection of claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Shima, U.S. Patent No. 6,362,894. As agreed during the personal interview, Shima does not appear to disclose all of the features recited in the independent claims. However, the Examiners wanted to again fully review Shima and conduct an updated search before taking any further action.

In view of the foregoing and the Amendment filed February 1, 2006, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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